Special scheme for the backward classes in M.P.

† l670. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision is being taken by Government for introducing special component scheme for the backward classes like tribal sub-plan and special component scheme; and

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to open Ashrams/hostels at various levels for the educational upliftment of students of backward classes in Madhya Pradesh as has been done in the case of SCs/STs?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing a scheme under which assistance is given for construction of hostels for students belonging to Backward Classes. Rs. 10 lakh has been sanctioned to Madhya Pradesh under the scheme during 1998-99.

Specific area-based projects for selected tribal areas in Himachal Pradesh

1671. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Himachal Pradesh has sent any proposal to Government for specific area based projects for the overall development of selected backward tribal areas of the State;

(b) if so, how many such cases have been received by Government from Himachal Pradesh during the last three years; and

(c) the action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) No, Sir.

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